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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Duncan W. McBRANCH, et al. ART UNIT: 1634
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FOR: PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID BASED MOLECULAR SENSORS FOR
NUCLEIC ACIDS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated November 24, 2004, reconsideration of the rejection therein is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth herein.